

Saint Stephen Catholic Community

FEBRUARY 5, 2012 + FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME + WEEKLY BULLETIN

Woe to Me if I Do Not Preach the Gospel

Job 7:1-4, 6-7
Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23
Mark 1:29-39



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

His words are dismal, but Job never really despairs. Read the whole book and you see that, despite undergoing trials, our hero perseveres, trusting God, knowing he can't question God's ways. Many commentators on today's readings focus on Paul. It is tempting, because his call to be all to all is attractive and easier to dissect than Job's solemn dirge. But there's a reason why the First Reading is paired with the Gospel. Despair gets us in its clutches when we lose hope, and hope is lost when we forget who we are. Circumstances change: we're up one day and down the next. What helps us survive is remembering who we are when we fall. When we remember, despite the circumstances, that we are children of God — unique, beloved, and irreplaceable — we can survive.

Jesus' mission in the Gospel reminds us of our identity. Yes, he heals, but even he can't cure all the sick of Galilee. Jesus is really less about healing the infirm and more about proclaiming the Kingdom that offers us our identity as sons and daughters of God. That's why Jesus came, not to remove all troubles, but to remind us that God's love can and will sustain us through the vicissitudes of life.

“Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I

come” (Mark 1:38).

FAITH SHARING

- You probably know someone who has lost hope and is in the grip of despair. Try to reach out to that person by reminding them of who they are, emphasizing their uniqueness and irreplaceability.
- Count the number of times someone does something for you and the number of times you do something for others in the next three days. Which number is higher? Where do you find more satisfaction, in serving or in being served?
- Increase your family's familiarity with the Gospel that we preach by inviting each family member to tell a favorite Gospel story in his or her own words. Provide drawing materials, and invite family members to draw pictures of their favorite Gospel stories. You might also play a game of Gospel or parable charades.

FAMILY DISCUSSION

- Jesus often went off alone to a deserted place. Why do you think he had this need for solitude? Do you need it in your life? Do you make time for it?
- There is a deep restlessness in Job. When have you experienced restlessness in your life? How has restlessness motivated you?
- Paul saw preaching the Gospel not as something to boast about, but as an obligation to fulfill. Jesus wasn't sidetracked by the adulation of those amazed at his miracles, but rather remained faithful to his purpose of building his Father's Kingdom. What motivates your good works?

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays at 4:00 pm in the Reconciliation Room and by appointment.

INFANT BAPTISM CLASS: For registered members of the parish. Second Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm in the worship space, unless otherwise noted.

MARRIAGE: Contact Deacon Hans Toecker, 482-1895, at time of engagement (ASAP).

PRAYER CHAIN: For prayer for yourself or for someone else, call Rosetta at 889-9495.

SICK LIST: If you are going into the hospital or are homebound, please call the office, 758-2424.

UNEXPECTED PREGNANCY & IN NEED: Call 1-800-848-LOVE.

24-HOUR CRISIS HOTLINE: If you are feeling lonely, depressed, overwhelmed, a caring voice is just a phone call away at 244-7444, 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTION SCHEDULE

February 4-February 12

Saturday	5:00pm	P. Al Pecache
Sunday	8:30am	Judy Morrissey
	11:00am	Rosita Villanueva
	5:00pm	People of the Community
Monday	8:00am	Martin & Christine Graham
Tuesday	8:00am	Communion Service
Wednesday	8:00am	Communion Service
	6:30pm	Communion Service
	8:00am	Communion Service
Thursday	8:00am	Communion Service
Friday	8:00am	Communion Service
Saturday	8:00am	Communion Service
	5:00pm	Charles Porter
	8:30am	Rosita Villanueva
Sunday	8:30am	Judy Morrissey
	11:00am	Judy Morrissey
	5:00pm	People of the Community

TWO WEEKS AT A GLANCE

Sunday, Feb. 5—5th Sunday OT

- Blessing of Throats—All Masses
- PREP 9:45am
- Adult Ed 9:45am
- Edge 6pm

Monday, February 6

- Rosary 6:15pm
- Life Teen Band 6:30pm
- K of C 7pm
- Ladies Auxiliary 7pm
- Boy Scouts 7pm
- GED 7pm

Tuesday, February 7

- AA 7am/Al Anon 12 noon
- Room in the Inn (St. Stephen)

Wednesday, February 8

- Catholic Basics 8:30am
- Scripture 9:30am
- Passion Mime Practice 5pm
- WINGS 7pm
- Spousal Loss 7pm
- Choir 7pm
- GED 7pm

Thursday, February 9

- RCIA/RCIC 7pm
- Baptism Class 7:30pm

Friday, February 10

- Centering Prayer 8:30am

Saturday, February 11

- Pillowcase Workshop 9am
- Name Tag Weekend 5pm

Sunday, Feb. 12—6th Sunday OT

- Name Tag Weekend—All Masses
- PREP 9:45am
- Adult Ed 9:45am
- Life Teen 6pm
- Edge 6pm

Monday, February 13

- Rosary 6:15pm
- Life Teen Band 6:30pm
- Toastmasters 6:45pm
- Boy Scouts 7pm
- GED 7pm

Tuesday, February 14

- AA 7am/Al Anon 12 noon
- Room in the Inn (Grace U.M.)

Wednesday, February 15

- Catholic Basics 8:30am
- Scripture 9:30am
- Passion Mime Practice 5pm
- Spousal Loss 7pm
- Choir 7pm
- GED 7pm

Thursday, February 16

- RCIA/RCIC 7pm

Friday, February 17

- Centering Prayer 8:30am

Saturday, February 18

- Financial Peace 10am
- RCIC/RCIA Retreat 12pm
- Rite of Welcome 5pm
- Movie Night at the Church 6pm



Registration in the Parish :
Forms are available in the office during office hours, in the literature racks in the narthex of the church, or on our website (www.saintstephencommunity.com) which can be filled out and returned electronically.

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Sunday Adult Education meets from 9:45-10:45 am in the Lounge (lower level of Holy Family Center).

LIFE TEEN All high school age youth of the parish are invited to attend the LIFE TEEN Mass held every Sunday at 5pm followed by LIFE Night in the Holy Family Center Hall.

PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) Classes for youth, age 3 through grade 8, are held on Sundays during the school year.

The Nursery is open during Sunday Masses for all children 12 months (and walking) through 3 years.

Adult Choir & Children's Choir practices vary according to Mass times. Everyone is invited. Contact: Scott Goudeau.

Christian Initiation (RCIA) and (RCIC) All non-Catholic adults interested in learning about or becoming members of the Catholic Church contact Scott Goudeau. Youth, age 7 or older, contact Connie Blevins. Meets every Thursday at 7:00 pm in the Hall.

Parent's Day Out. Located at 108 Brookhollow. Call Nancy Otting at 754-8432 for information and availability.

Elizabeth Ministry. An outreach to parents during the times of celebration, challenge, and sorrow. The purpose of this ministry is to provide support, comradeship, spiritual guidance and encouragement to parents of any age. Contact Jill LaFaye 578-2662.

AA meets every Tuesday morning at 7:00 am in the Lounge of the Holy Family Center.

Al-Anon meets every Tuesday at 12:00 noon in the Lounge of the Holy Family Center. We can help, you are not alone.

Funeral & Bereavement Ministry. Information to share on ways to save on the cost. Pre-planning allows us to establish a personal relationship ahead of time. After the death of a loved one we all need to journey with our grief in order for closure to take place. For questions about Catholic funerals or to pre-plan, call Francie Duffield at 758-2424.

Financial Report—1-29-12

Regular Collection	\$22,957
Debt Reduction Income	\$4,403
Debt Owed	\$2,665,949

Income YTD (starting 7/1/11) \$767,285
Income Last Year \$740,256
Note: Your weekly or monthly donation can be handled electronically. Contact the church office for details.

FAITH FORMATION



Adult Ed will look at how the Crusades were first launched, some heretical movements that were near to the same time as the Crusades, and how the Pope sought to control these heresies through the establishment of the Inquisition. Next week, we examine a papal led reform movement to rid the church of corruption. We also see the great split between Eastern and Western Churches. Adult Ed meets at 9:45am in the Hall. Come join us.

Catholic Basics Wednesday mornings at 8:30am. The study book is The Religious History of America (from pre-colonization to today). Join us in the HFC Lounge.

Wednesday Morning Scripture and Prayer Group at 9:30am. We are studying the *Book of James. Faith that Works.* Join us in Room 105.

A Time to Seek—chapter-a-day readings: Acts 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.



This Week: No Life Night, returning from Ski Trip.

Next Week: This week, we talk about the “Word Made Flesh.” The plan for our Salvation began well before the Son of God came to earth. How do you recognize or encounter the incarnation in your daily life?

LIFE TEEN is collecting cellular phones and inkjet printer cartridges for recycling as a fund raiser to offset the cost of students participating in *our annual trip to Covecrest*, the Life Teen summer camp. LIFE TEEN receives up to \$3 for each phone and ink cartridge received. Deposit inkjet cartridges and cell phones in the marked box in the Old Worship Space on top of the “macaroni box”. No chargers or other accessories please, only phones and batteries. Contact: Angie at 758-2424 x 13.

PREP



Attention all parents of PREP children in formation to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist: the Parents' Meeting for First Reconciliation was held recently. Parents who were unable to attend can email Gregory Karn (Greg.Karn@saintstephencommunity.com) and arrange to meet, in person, to get the necessary information.

- **Confirmation Parents' Meeting** will take place on **Sunday, Feb. 19** from **6:15pm-7:30pm** in the church.
- **First Reconciliation Retreat** is **Saturday, Feb. 25** at **9am**.
- **First Reconciliation** students will join our parish community on Friday, Mar. 2 at 7pm to pray the Stations of the Cross.
- **First Reconciliation** is **Mar. 3**.
- **Parents Meeting for First Eucharist** is on Sunday, **Mar. 4** at **9:45am**, in the Holy Family Center Lounge. **Please bring a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate if we do not already have it on file.**
- **First Eucharist Retreat** is Saturday, **Mar. 17** at **8:30am**. **First Eucharist** is Saturday, **Apr. 14**.
- **Confirmation** will take place on **Apr. 27**, at 7pm.



Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.' - Mark 1:35, 38 Through today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to doing all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. Yet Jesus also makes time to be alone in prayer. It is only through prayer, through spending time with God, that any of us can find the strength to do all that God wishes us to do. Be sure to find time this week to be with God.

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

Pictorial Directories Are Here!! Please stop by the table in the old church after Mass to pick up your copy.



St. Stephen Boy Scout Troop 1204 is participating in "Scouting for Food" as part of the "Good Turn for America" project. Boxes are in the old church labeled "Scouting for Food" to put non-perishable items on Scout Sunday, Feb. 5. All donations collected will be delivered by the Scouts to Mt. Juliet Help Center. Thanks.

Eat at El Ok Corral and Life Teen gets 10% for Camp! This Sunday, Feb. 5, bring the bulletin insert with you to enjoy a meal at El Ok Corral. By presenting the bulletin insert, 10% of your bill will go to St Stephen Life Teen to help individuals pay for camp fees.



WINGS would like to invite the women of St. Stephen to join us for our next meeting, Feb. 8 at 7pm, in the Holy Family Center Hall. Our meeting will include a presentation on autism by Juli Liske. Juli is founder of the Brown Institute for Autism. Her presentation will include a question and answer period. Come join us for a great dinner and an informative speaker.

The parish council has agreed to add Poppy's Pizzeria to our list of restaurants that feature a St. Stephen Spirit Day. The 2nd Sunday of each month will be St. Stephen Day at Poppy's Pizzeria in Mt. Juliet. Present your church bulletin when you order, and Poppy's will donate to St. Stephen 10% of your total bill, excluding tip and alcohol.

Murder Mystery ENCORE! The Life Teen Murder Mystery Dinner Theater was a success! Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and enjoyed the event. We know many people wanted to attend but could not, so we are scheduling an encore presentation of the Murder Mystery...this time brunch on Sunday, Feb. 26 following the 11am Mass. **Tickets will be on sale** after all the Masses **Feb. 11 and 12**. This will be the exact same show, so don't tell if you already know the answer...

The next scheduled sewing workshop for the Pillowcase Dresses for Haiti is Saturday, Feb. 11, 10am to 4pm. In addition to sewers, helpers are needed for sizing, sorting, and packaging the fin-

ished dresses. **We are also asking for donations for additional colored ribbons, trims, and EXTRA WIDE double-fold bias tape to help complete this final dress production.** Donations can be left in the old church, or pickup can be arranged with Bettyann (883-3422) or Linda (883-5961). We are very grateful to you and your generous spirits in helping to move this project forward. Let us know if you can come, we'll be glad to see you!

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University will once again be offered at St. Stephen Catholic Community. The class meets for two hours, once a week for 13 consecutive weeks. Many families have achieved financial peace by learning the importance of budgeting, creating savings, and getting out of debt by taking this class. Classes meet each Saturday starting Feb. 18, from 10am till 12pm in Room 105 of the Holy Family Center. To sign up for the class or for more information, contact Rhonda Clark at: queenturbo2u2@yahoo.com or 615-944-8509.

Free Movie Night at the Church: Saturday, Feb. 18, HFC hall. **Doors open at 6pm**, movie starts at 7pm. Free popcorn, drinks and snacks. The movie is *Move Over Darling*. Come one and all.



The American Red Cross and the Knights of Columbus quarterly Blood Drive is **Sunday Feb. 19 from 7:45am to 12:45pm in the Holy Family Center**. This time of year, blood shortages are always a problem due to the weather, and with **your help** we will help build it back up. **Signups** can be done by going to www.redcrossblood.org and putting in sponsor code: **SaintStephen**, or stop by the blood drive table in the old church to sign up. **The Knight's kitchen crew** will be providing a light **breakfast at no charge** for all prospective donors and their family members. If you have any questions, please call Mark Marsh @ 207-9434, or Zig Wajler @ 260-6171.

SIX DATES for Catholic Couples: Married couples, do you remember your first date? Renew your focus on one another and carve out a little time for just the two of you by participating in *SIX DATES for Catholic Couples*. Join us for the weekly series of six fun and enriching evenings beginning Saturday, Feb. 25 from 7-9 pm (in the old church). Watch the bulletin for more information. This series of "SIX

DATES" will be coordinated by Christopher and Christina Hoover. Register for *SIX DATES for Catholic Couples* any one of these three ways: online - www.mysignup.com/sixdates; by email (christinadhoover@comcast.net) or by phone ([615.754.4574](tel:615.754.4574)). Child care is also available, please inquire for details.

Date Changed—Disciples Called Apostles Gifted Workshop to be presented Mar. 24. More information later, but this workshop will only be from 9am to noon. Please put it on your calendars now.

Bishop Choby is asking all members of the Diocese to visit www.usccb.org/conscience to be informed of the Church's response to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services mandate that religious organizations provide health coverage that includes sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs, and contraception for all its employees.

Give Yourself the Gift of a Lifetime. Join Fr. Pat Kibby, Deacon Fred and Lorine Bourland on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Nov. 6-16, 2012. Call Lorine at 615-754-6899 or email lorineb@tds.net.

Summer CSA Registration is on-going. Visit www.doerunfarm.com for more info and to register.. Both regular and mini shares are available as well as "Food Lover's" shares of tomatoes, cheese, fruit or salad to choose from. Pick up this summer begins the week of May 1 at St. Stephen on Wednesdays from 5-6pm and will run for 18 weeks.

Computers for Haiti: If you are replacing a computer, and do not have a place for the old one, know that it can be put to good use at our sister parish school in Haiti. We will collect and ship the used and working computers on the sea container this Spring.

Prison Ministry: We are in need of Catholic Bibles (English & Spanish) or other religious books. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer to visit the prison, contact Suzanne Visitacion (754-2489).



Altar Flower Donation For Feb. 4-5

In Loving Memory of David Bradley

To donate flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one or to remember a special occasion, contact Connie Blevins (397-9255).

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Mt. Juliet Help Center: Most needed items at the center are: crackers, soup, spaghetti sauce, ramen noodles and canned beans.

Ladies of Charity Catholic Welfare Services is in need of warm winter coats for men, women & children, men's clothing, underwear, socks and shoes. We also need women's clothing with larger sizes, underwear, socks and shoes most needed. Children's clothing, school age sizes also needed. Put donations in the box in the old church marked "Ladies of Charity Catholic Welfare Services." For info or questions, contact Kelye Burke (305-5721 or 745-2291).

Ladies of Charity Visit to Bordeaux Hospital Feb. 7: Anyone interested in visiting and playing Bingo with the long term patients at Bordeaux Hospital, please meet in the St. Stephen upper parking lot at 12:30 pm Tuesday, Feb. 7, so we can carpool to the hospital. Any questions, please call Judy at 758-7926 or Lucky at 449-5069.

Catholic Business League meeting on Feb. 9 at 7:30am at the Cathedral of the Incarnation. Guest speaker is Michael Trujillo from Catholic Relief Services.

Have a Heart—Save a Heart to Benefit Visitation Hospital Foundation on Friday, Feb. 17, at 6pm. A Valentine celebration at Whole Foods, Green Hills, Salud! upper level that will benefit the Visitation Clinic in Haiti. The event is our annual Haitian dinner, wine tasting and silent auction. Cost is \$50/adult. To register, call Fran Rajotte at 615-390-6104, or online at www.visitationhospital.org



Scouting Religious Emblems Awards can be earned by Girl Scouts, American Heritage Girls, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts of all ages. On Mar. 3, the Catholic Committee on

Scouting and the Middle Tennessee Boy Scouts of America will host training for adults to deliver these awards to our youth at the 2012 University of Scouting at Holy Family Church in Brentwood. Register at www.mtcbsa.org and click on Upcoming Events.

Election Workers Needed: We have been notified that additional workers are needed for elections this year. The Presidential Primary will be Mar. 6; the Federal and State Primary is Aug. 2; and the General Election is Nov. 6. If you are able to work, the Davidson County Election Commission number is 862-8800, and the Wilson County Election Commission number is 444-0216.

Christ the King School invites you to the annual *A Crown Affair* dinner and auction on Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Jim Carrell Center. This fun Valentine-themed party features dinner, live and silent auctions with music and dancing. Tickets are \$40/person; \$75/couple. Become a Royal Patron and attend a preview party with special guests, Titans Offensive Coordinator Chris Palmer, Channel 2 Anchor John Dwyer and Father Dexter Brewer. Contact Christine Linck at Christine.linck@ctk.org or 615-292-9465 to purchase tickets.

Holy Rosary Academy seeks to support and encourage the development of each child's unique set of God-given talents by providing a Catholic education grounded in Gospel values and committed to excellence. Are you interested in the possibility of enrolling your child at the Academy for the coming school year? Admissions testing for the 2012-2013 school year has begun! Please contact Mrs. Neely in the school office (615-883-1108). Personal tours of the school are available upon request for prospective parents or visit us during our next **Open House** on Monday, Feb. 27, from 8 to 9am.



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Francie Duffield	21
Life Teen Minister	
Angie Bosio	13
Director of Youth Formation	
Greg Karn	15
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Connie Blevins	758-6068
Music Director and RCIA	
Scott Goudeau	30
Life Teen Band	
Renee Campbell	847-0539



Call the office to add your/family member name to the prayer list. Names will be kept on the list until the end of the month. Let us know if we should keep someone on longer. Please inform the office of a loved one's death so they may be added to the deceased prayer list.

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Cathy Huntsinger (sister of Fr. Kibby), Rick Drexler (brother of Pat Ackerman), Regina Smith (sister of John Castner), Ann Marie Kellerhals, Edna Duffy, Gloria Knoch, Ann Venson & Jeff Lund (friends of Chris McCarthy), Jimmy Wood (friend of Nicki Florida & Janet Youmans), Chip Harris, Georg Toecker (brother of Deacon Hans Toecker), Theresa Altieri (mother of Andrew Altieri), Michael Crowe, Millard Crowe (father of Michael Crowe), Charles Mudd, Diane Tippen (sister of Elaine Bustillos), Judyann Neuman (friend of Paul & Joan Karlewicz), Becky Manes, Juliana Freeman (daughter of Sandra Jordan), Mary Decker (mother of Rosemary Beers), Kenneth Hobbs (friend of Diana Flowers), Larry Burton, Jr. (father-in-law of Jeff Copeskey), Pat Wurtzel (brother of Sue Baker), Ethan Ryan Lovell (great nephew of Renee Timberlake), Linda & Bruce Howard (sister & brother-in-law of Molly Miller), Shannon Carlton (niece of Diana Flowers), Anita Lahey (cousin of Beth Heckel), Rick Bergstrom (cousin of Roberta Bolus), Dorothy Thalmer (cousin of Bernice Fosbinder), Gloria Roller (mother of Lewis Hall), Janice Petrukovich (sister of Pat Porter), Beth Covert (niece of Suzanne Valimont), Jean Musterman, Terry Williams (father of Michelle Torok), Rev. Will Campbell (friend of Sandy Donnell), Mickey Davis (friend of the Donnell family), Ed Kibler, Caleb Leigh (grandson of Sally & Bill Clinard), Don Wescott, Jim Johnson, Bishop Mikaelian

Please remember those who have died, especially: Elaine Wickham (former parishioner), Tim Campbell (friend of Chris & John McCarthy), Karen Ferreira (daughter of Terry Ferreira).

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Wednesday at 10:00 am
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